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CRITICIZE NEGLIGENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

EVALUATE MACHINE-TRACTOR WORK -- Sofia, Izgrev, 16 Dec 50

Some MTS have failed to fulfill the fall deep-plowing plan, and ten of them have fulfilled the plan by only 50 percent. As a consequence of this tardiness, the machines have to remain much longer in the fields, and their overhaul for the next campaign is delayed. At the recent conference of MTS inspectors the okrug people's soviets, the main reason for the shortcomings was seen to be the complacent and careless attitude of MTS directors. After the conclusion of fall sowing, a considerable part of the personnel were dismissed, the repair shops were inadequately supervised, and insufficient vigilance permitted the hiring of former threshing-machine owners, who are responsible for the poor condition of the equipment.

A general attitude of appeasement prevailed with regard to failures and shortcomings. However, some of the stations did excellent work. One of the operators soft-plowed 14,000 decares without a single change of parts, whereas the norm provided for a change after 3,000-4,000 decares. Another operator worked so efficiently that he collected 30,000 leva in monthly wages and 170 kilograms of grain. On the other hand, many MTS have failed to introduce time charts.

The overhauling of machines has improved substantially in comparison to last year. Some operators have invented new mechanisms to speed repair work and reduce costs. The chief foreman of a threshing department, N. Krustev, invented an appliance for bending the wheel axles of threshing machines. He has also produced a machine for the centrifugal casting of composition bearings. Krustev welds the tractor engines himself, and thereby reduces the repair cost from 30,000 to 3,000 leva.

The MTS which employs Krustev also has a very efficient personnel policy; it recruits 60 percent of its repair workers from the group under 20 years of age, which provides the best tractor operators and mechanics.

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CRITICIZE COOPERATIVE PRACTICES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 15 Dec 50

In a letter to the editor, a writer from Lovech Okoliya reports that the local village cooperative collected 200,000 leva for undelivered milk quotas. In accordance with the decree, the money should have been used for the purchase of sunflower seed to be delivered instead of the milk. However, the cooperative kept the money and, as a result, neither milk nor sunflower seed has been delivered.

In another village of the okoliya, the local veterinary was responsible for supervising the delivery of hay from the Rayon Cooperative Union to a military unit. However, the veterinary delegated his wife to check the operations and warned her "to keep her eyes open unless she wanted to land in jail." The over-anxious and incompetent woman discharged her functions with so much zeal that a great deal of quality hay was discarded as waste.

SENTENCE 2 FOR VIOLATION OF STATE PROPERTY LAW -- Sofia, Izgrev, 16 Dec 50

Nikola Zarkov, formerly vice-chairman of the Rayon Cooperative Union in Mikhaylovgrad, failed to take measures for the protection of hay from the 1950 harvest. Owing to his negligence, a great deal of the hay was exposed to rain and became unfit for use.

Vladimir Tsekhov, supervisor of the dairy department of the same Rayon Cooperative Union, failed to register the milk quotas collected by the Central Cooperative Union.

Under the law for the protection of state property, both men have been sentenced to 2 years in jail.

Two more rayon cooperative supervisors are being tried by the court for careless performance of their duties.

COOPERATIVE OFFICIAL EXPELLED FROM PARTY -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 18 Dec 50

Slavi Atanasov, chairman of the Farm Workers' Cooperative in Pavel village, Svishtov Okoliya, has been expelled from the Bulgarian Communist Party and will be prosecuted for his failure to provide fodder for horses and livestock in the cooperative. Owing to his negligence, 32 horses have died of starvation, and more animals are threatened. Similar conditions have been found in other cooperatives, and those responsible will be prosecuted under the law for the protection of state property.

RECEIVE MEDALS FOR PROMOTING GRAIN DELIVERIES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 16 Dec 50

G. Damyanov, chairman of the Presidium of the National Assembly, awarded the national gold medal of labor to the following government officials for their cooperation in the success of this year's grain-delivery campaign: D. Traykov, vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers; T. Chernokolev, Minister of Agriculture; R. Naydenov, government representative for Khaskovo and Kolarovgrad okrugs; and D. Dichev, chairman of the State Control Commission.

The national silver medal of labor was awarded to Zh. Zhivkov, government representative for Burgas Okrug.

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SCORE ACTIVITY OF PEOPLE'S SOVIET -- Sofia, Izgrev, 15 Dec 50

At a meeting of the municipal people's soviet of Kolarovgrad, the speakers severely criticized the activities of the organization. The soviet's cooperation in this year's grain delivery campaign has been very unsatisfactory: regular sessions have not been held, and the chairman of the public welfare commission has failed to attend for the last 6 months. This year's lard collection throughout the area is very slow, and many citizens are concealing their animals.

REPORTS DEEP PLOWING PROGRESS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 15 Dec 50

As of 12 December 1950, the fall deep plowing plan throughout the country has been fulfilled by 112.6 percent. However, some okrugs have been very slow in fulfilling the plan. In Vidin Okrug the deep-plowing plan has been fulfilled only 98.5 percent and in Kula Okoliya, 70.2 percent.

DEEP PLOWING CONTINUES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 16 Dec 50

As of now, 13,236,746 decares of land have been plowed in the fall deep-plowing campaign, whereas the plan provides for 11,503,000 decares. In comparison with last year, this year's results represent an increase of 2,986,746 decares. Operations are continuing.

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